THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY -OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In Kashmir on Line of Control (LC) mainly army is deployed. While the average distance of BSF border outposts on the international border in the Jammu Sector is 2 kms., the distance between the BSF border outposts in the North East is 5.6 kms.

(d) and (e) It is proposed to raise fencing in another 2429.50 kms. length of the Indo-Bangladesh border. This is in addition to 857.36 kms. fencing already sanctioned. There is no proposal to fence other international borders in the North East.

New Financial Package for J & K

228. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new financial package has been worked out for Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Till date, no new financial package has been finalised in the year 1999 for the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) Does not arise.

Task Force for Curbing Cross Border Terrorism

229. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of getting severe drubbing in the war, Pakistan has increased cross border activities;

(b) what steps are being taken to crush such activities;

(c) whether Government are planning to create any special task force to exclusively deal with such activities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) It is true that Pak Army has increased cross border activities after the conflict in Kargil ended. Pak sponsored militant groups are also making concerted efforts to escalate violence in the aftermath of Kargil conflict by resorting to focussed tar getting of security forces.

(b) Indian Army has beaten back all the attempts made by Pak Army to capture own forward posts in the last three months. The drive against militancy has also been stepped up in Jammu & Kashmir with the restructuring of the Counter Insurgency Grid in the State. Steps have also been taken to check trans-border activities on Indo-Pak border which include extensive patrolling of the border areas, erection of security fencing/flood lighting, relocation of Border Out Posts for effective domination and surveillance of the border, gearing up of intelligence machinery etc. Government have also projected the full extent of State sponsorship of terrorism by Pakistan to a number of friendly countries highlighting the dangers of International terrorism for the world as a whole.

(c) No; Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) All necessary steps to curb infiltration and cross border terrorism are being taken by the Government.

Spurt in Terrorism in J&K after Kargil War

†230. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists have increased their violent activities in Jammu & Kashmir after the recent undeclared Kargil war;

(b) if so, the number of major and minor violent incidents committed by terrorists in the State after the above incident and the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.